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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### JUNEAU 2012/2013 HERRING SUMMARY

Aerial surveys to record herring spawning events have concluded in the Juneau area for the season. The following is a summary of herring fishery activities and observations for the Juneau management area.

##### Seymour Canal

The 2012/2013 Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for the Seymour Canal gillnet sac-roë herring fishery was 1,014 tons. The area opened to commercial fishing on May 8 and closed May 11, 2013. 56 permits participated, using 44 boats (12 were dual permit holders), and landed 649 tons of herring to 4 processors with a reported average roe percent of 13.0%. The final cumulative miles of shoreline receiving spawn was 8.0 nautical miles. The first spawn was observed on May 7 and active spawning continued through May 12, with peak spawning occurring on May 8.

##### Tenakee Inlet

No forecast was made for Tenakee Inlet for the 2012/2013 season because the population size has been low in recent years and samples of herring age structure were not available. No commercial fisheries occurred. The final cumulative miles of shoreline receiving spawn was 5.4 nautical miles. The first spawn was observed on May 7 and active spawning continued through May 10, with peak spawning occurring on May 9.

##### Lynn Canal

The final cumulative miles of shoreline receiving spawn was 8.6 nautical miles. The first spawn was observed on May 5 and continued through May 9, with peak spawning occurring on May 8.

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